

CTE in California



Career and technical education (CTE) programs equip students with the skills and experience necessary to pursue careers in key California industries such as:



semiconductors and microelectronics



creative economy



tourism and outdoor recreation



financial and professional services

In 2024, 87% of California postsecondary CTE concentrators earned an industry-recognized credential, degree, certificate or other recognized postsecondary credential.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in California, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based learning experiences with industry partners.

During the 2023-24 school year, California had:

675,929

secondary CTE participants

766,035

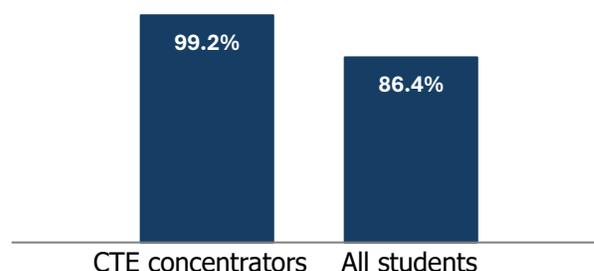
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These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.

FY 25 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for California

\$142,790,738

Four-year graduation rate in California (2023-24)



Supporting CTE programs across California ensures that students have access to rigorous and industry-relevant coursework in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand fields.

227,322

Postsecondary certificates and associate degrees in CTE fields awarded to California students (2023-24)

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Businesses, Good for Communities